



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**International Trade Administration**  
Washington, DC 20230

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RE: DOC-ITA-2019-000882

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the International Trade Administration (ITA) on March 8, 2019. In your request, you sought “records to shed light on the degree and nature of outside influence on national security matters related to nuclear proliferation” using the following search parameters:

All final talking points, decision memoranda, internal assessments, or email communications memorializing final decisions, containing any of the following key terms:

- a. “Marshall Plan”
- b. IP3
- c. “International Peace Power & Prosperity”
- d. Barrack
- e. “Iron Bridge”
- f. Ironbridge
- g. ACU
- h. Westinghouse
- i. “Colony Northstar”
- j. “Colony Capital”
- k. 123

American Oversight requests that ITA search the files of the following custodians for records responsive to this request:

- i. Under Secretary for International Trade Gilbert Kaplan and anyone corresponding on his behalf such as executive assistants or schedulers;

- ii. Acting Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade Sarah Kemp;
- iii. Chief of Staff John Cooney; and
- iv. Anyone serving in the role of Deputy Chief of Staff, including anyone serving in this role in an acting capacity.

Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017, through the date the search is conducted.

ITA began its search May 20, 2019, which is the cut-off date for responsive records. After a thorough search, ITA has found no records responsive to your request. ITA has no obligation to create, compile, or obtain from outside of ITA a record to satisfy a request. 15 C.F.R. § 4.3(b).

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact the analyst who processed your request, Brian Yanos, at 202-482-0549 or [Brian.Yanos@trade.gov](mailto:Brian.Yanos@trade.gov).

You may also contact ITA's FOIA Public Liaison, using the following information:

Victor E. Powers  
Acting FOIA Officer  
International Trade Administration  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 40003  
Washington, D.C. 20230  
(202) 482-5436, [foia@trade.gov](mailto:foia@trade.gov)

Please refer to your FOIA request tracking number, DOC-ITA-2019-000882 when contacting ITA.

In addition, you may seek FOIA mediation services offered by the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS using the following information:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
(202) 741-5770 or toll free, 1-877-684-6448  
facsimile: (202) 741-5769; email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)

In accordance with 15 C.F.R. §§ 4.10(a) and (b), you have the right to appeal this determination within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Department deems appeals arriving after

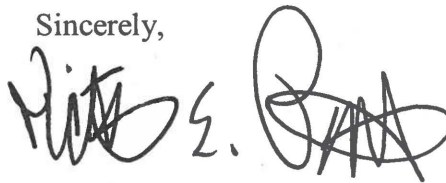
normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday) as received on the next normal business day. If the 90<sup>th</sup> calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely. The appeal should include a copy of the original request, this response, and a statement of the reasons why you consider the Department made this determination in error. Please mail written appeals to:

Assistant General Counsel for Litigation, Employment, and  
Oversight  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room 5896  
Washington, D.C. 20230

You may send an appeal by e-mail to [FOIAAppeals@doc.gov](mailto:FOIAAppeals@doc.gov), or through FOIAonline at <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> if you have a FOIAonline account. Clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal", in the e-mail subject line, or on both the appeal letter and envelope.

For the purpose of assessing fees, there are no billable fees for processing of this request.

Sincerely,



Victor E. Powers  
Director  
Management Operations  
Office of the Chief Financial and  
Administrative Officer